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LASER POWER

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

JP 2000-244054 to KAMIOKA et al., laid-open September 8, 2000, which  
is accompanied by an English language translation of the abstract. This document  
is cited and discussed on page 3 of the specification;

U.S. Patent No. 6,611,480 to ISHIBASHI et al., issued August 26, 2003;  
and

U.S. Patent No. 6,097,020 to KARASAKI et al., issued August 1, 2000.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the  
above-noted documents. Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's  
decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the

U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned. A copy of the foreign-language document and an English language translation of the abstract thereof are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also call to the Examiner's attention the following commonly assigned patent applications:

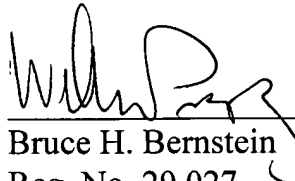
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/147,050 to KISHIMOTO et al., filed September 25, 1998; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/817,798 to FURUMIYA et al., filed April 6, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is requested to review the file wrappers of the U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Of course, if for any reason the Examiner cannot locate the applications, Applicants will provide any requested materials, if possible.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	6 6 1 1 4 8 0	08/26/03	ISHIBASHI et al			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
2000 - 2 4 4 0 5 4	09/08/00	JAPAN			

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

1	English Language Abstract of JP 2000-244054.

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